

# **BAYSIDE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**



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## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Maryland Eastern Shore Bayside Athletic Conference.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSES**

The primary purposes of this Conference are as follows:

1. To suggest the basic principles and procedures in the conduct of competitive athletic programs among the member schools.
2. To provide for the regulation and administration of Conference/District 8 sponsored programs.
3. To centralize the scheduling procedures for Conference/District 8 inter-school contests.
4. To foster high standards of ethics and sportsmanship in the conduct of athletic contests.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

All public secondary schools located in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties shall automatically be members of the Conference unless a school withdraws its membership or otherwise becomes a non-member. These counties' schools will also become members of the Maryland Public Secondary Athletic Association's District 8, effective July 1, 2004.

## **ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1** The Board of Control will operate within the framework of the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association (M.P.S.S.A.A). The Board of Control shall be responsible for all rules and regulations governing the Bayside Athletic Conference and the District 8 (M.P.S.S.A.A.) subject to the approval of the county superintendents within the eight member counties.

**Section 2** The Bayside Conference does not discriminate on the basis of gender or ethnicity.

**Section 3** A member school must abide by the rules and regulations of the Conference.

**Section 4** The Conference shall be administered by a Board of Control composed of four (4) voting members from each of the member counties. Members of the Board of Control shall be selected as follows:

- The athletic director from each member high school.
- A female coach.
- A male coach.
- A member of the secondary administrative/supervisory staff, in addition, there shall be one (1) voting member of the Eastern Shore Superintendents' Association. The selection of these members shall be determined by the
- respective county superintendent and their names submitted to the Conference president prior to the annual fall meeting. Alternates shall be appointed by the county superintendent in case of emergency.

**Section 5** The Board of Control shall elect from its membership the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Bayside Treasurer and District 8 Treasurer.

**Section 6** The Board of Control shall have the authority to approve standing committees necessary to implement the functioning of the Conference/District 8.

## **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

**Section 1** Regular meetings shall be held twice a year at sites determined by the president of the Conference/District. The fall meeting shall be held prior to November 1st and the spring meeting shall be held prior to May 1st. The meetings will normally be scheduled to start at 9:00 am.

**Section 2** Special meetings may be called when necessary by the president of the Board of Control at their discretion or upon the request of a minimum of eight members of the Board of Control.

## **ARTICLE VI - QUORUM**

A quorum, necessary to conduct official meetings, shall consist of at least seventeen (17) members of the Board of Control.

## **ARTICLE VII – FINANCES**

All financial operations necessary to the functioning of the Conference shall be provided in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS**

**Section 1** The officers of the Board of Control shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Bayside Treasurer and District 8 Treasurer selected from the Board of Control by its member-ship. Officers shall be elected at the annual spring meeting. All Officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term. The Vice-President shall succeed the President at the end of the President's year term in office. The officers elected shall serve from July 1 to June 30 following the election.

**Section 2** The President shall:

1. Represent the Bayside Conference/District 8 at any official function or requested appearance deemed necessary.
2. Have the power to call and preside over meetings of the Conference/District 8.
3. Have the authority to appoint any committees necessary for the proper functioning of the Conference/District 8.
4. Appoint all standing committees which will serve during their administration. These committees will be subject to the approval of the Board of Control.

**Section 3** The Vice-President shall:  
Exercise the powers of the president in case of the absence of the President.

**Section 4** The Secretary shall:

1. Keep a written record of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Control.
2. Mail minutes of the meetings of the Board of Control and constitutional changes to county superintendents, county supervisors of athletics, principals of member schools, athletic directors of member schools, and the Eastern Shore

3. Superintendents' Association within thirty (30) days after the meeting of the Board of Control.
4. Conduct all necessary correspondence for the Conference

**Section 5**

The Bayside Conference Treasurer shall:

1. Administer the financial affairs of the Conference under the direction of the Board of Control.
2. Render a written financial statement to the members of the Board of Control at its annual fall and spring meetings
3. The results of a scheduled audit will be reported to the members of the Board of Control at the annual fall meeting. It is recommended that as a minimum, an audit be conducted at the election of a new treasurer.
4. Compensation of the Bayside Treasurer shall be determined by the Board of Control.

**Section 6**

The District 8 Treasurer will conduct district finances required by M.P.S.S.A.A.

**ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Section 1**

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Control. A screening committee composed of five members and chaired by the President shall make recommendations to the Board of Control. No county shall be represented by more than one member on the screening committee.

**Section 2**

The appointment shall be for an initial term of one year and at the discretion of the Board of Control for successive terms.

**Section 3**

The Executive Director shall:

1. Prepare rough draft of all schedules.
2. Promote the activities of the Bayside Athletic Conference.
3. Serve as statistician for the Conference.
4. Perform duties as stated in the bylaws and policies.
5. Maintain permanent records of minutes.
6. Contact all members of the Board of Control about upcoming annual meetings. This includes the county superintendent, county supervisor of athletics, principal of member schools, and athletic director of member schools. The Eastern Shore Superintendents' Association shall also be notified.
7. Perform such duties as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Control.

**Section 4**

Compensation of the Executive Director shall be determined by the Board of Control.



## **ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES**

The Bayside Conference shall have two (2) standing committees: a scheduling committee and a conference appeals committee. The appeals committee shall consist of the supervisors of athletics of the member counties of the Bayside Conference and the president of the Bayside Conference.

The Board of Control will elect any and all committees as required for District 8 by M.P.S.S.A.A.

## **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS**

The Conference constitution may be amended by an affirmative vote of at least twenty-four (24) members of the Board of Control at any regular or special meeting provided that proposals for amendments are submitted to member schools by the Secretary, in writing, at least thirty (30) days before the vote on the amendments is acted on by the Board of Control.

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - REGULATION OF SPORTS**

The Conference shall have the authority to regulate any sport in which a member school fields a competitive team. Any school-sponsored interscholastic athletic team, whether interschool or club, will abide by the Conference rules and regulations. District 8 sports will be regulated as required by the M.P.S.S.A.A.

### **ARTICLE II – SCHEDULING**

**Section 1** The Conference shall maintain an approved list of boy's and girls' sports activities that are subject to Conference scheduling.

**Section 2** The approved list of sports for scheduling in the Bayside Conference is as follows:  
The Conference may conduct championships in the approved varsity sports:

#### **BOYS SPORTS**

FOOTBALL (Varsity/JV)  
SOCCER (Varsity/JV)  
CROSS COUNTRY (Varsity)  
GOLF (Varsity)  
WRESTLING (Varsity/JV)  
BASKETBALL (Varsity/JV)  
INDOOR TRACK (Varsity)  
SWIMMING (Varsity/JV)  
BASEBALL (Varsity/JV)  
TENNIS (Varsity)  
OUTDOOR TRACK (Varsity)  
LACROSSE (Varsity/JV)

#### **GIRLS SPORTS**

FIELD HOCKEY (Varsity/JV)  
SOCCER (Varsity/JV)  
CROSS COUNTRY (Varsity)  
GOLF (Varsity)  
VOLLEYBALL (Varsity/JV)  
BASKETBALL (Varsity/JV)  
INDOOR TRACK (Varsity)  
SWIMMING (Varsity/JV)  
SOFTBALL (Varsity/JV)  
TENNIS (Varsity)  
OUTDOOR TRACK (Varsity)  
LACROSSE (Varsity/JV)

**Section 3** To add a sports activity to the approved scheduling list, 7 of the 18 member schools must indicate a desire to field a team (and) the Board of Control shall vote on the sport at the annual spring meeting. A majority vote is required for approval. The new sports activity shall be scheduled at the next scheduling meeting.

**Section 4** A scheduling committee consisting of the President, Executive Director\*, League Minder Coordinator, the athletic director from each member school, and the Supervisor of Athletics from each member county as appointed by the county superintendent, shall meet periodically as needed, with the full authority to schedule all Conference approved sports activities. All fall sports shall be scheduled prior to December 15th and winter and spring sports shall be scheduled prior to April 15th.

\*Serves as chairperson. Each county will have one (1) vote in, a) resolving schedule conflicts, and b) approving Conference schedules. A majority vote is required for approval with the Executive Director voting only to resolve a tie vote among the county voting delegates.

**Section 5** The schedules shall be presented to the Board of Control at the annual spring meeting, for final approval, and are not subject to change or appeal. All member schools shall accept the schedules as approved by the scheduling committee.

**Section 6** If a school is closed, either all day or early dismissal, due to inclement weather, there shall be no practices or athletic contests involving that school that day. Affected schools shall be contacted by 1:30 p.m. or sooner.

**Section 7** If a school is closed for a locally approved school holiday, the host or traveling school may decide whether a contest shall be played, provided the school observing the locally approved school holiday contacts the other school's administration/athletic director. All conflicts in scheduling are to be resolved by the athletic directors prior to the beginning of the sport season, or the game is to be played as scheduled by the Conference.

**Section 8** If, for any reason, (except the proper use of Section 6 & above or section 9 number 5), a team fails to show for a scheduled Conference game, the said game shall be an automatic forfeiture. In case of forfeiture:

1. The team failing to show shall be considered the loser.
2. The team to which the forfeiture was made shall be the winner and so recognized in Conference standings.
3. The forfeiting team shall be responsible for the expenses in securing the game officials, security and traveling expenses.

**Section 9** General Scheduling Regulations:

1. For any school to enter a team in Bayside Conference competition, (part of Bayside schedule), or withdraw a team from the Bayside Conference competition, (exclude from Bayside schedule), they must notify the President of the Conference, in writing, prior to the annual scheduling meeting. A majority vote of the scheduling Committee as provided in Section 4. shall approve or disapprove the request.
2. Any school desiring to play a limited Bayside Conference schedule shall notify the President of Conference, in writing, prior to the scheduling meeting and indicate the sport or sports involved. A majority vote of the scheduling committee as provided in Section 4 shall approve or disapprove the request.
3. Any school granted permission to play a limited Bayside Conference schedule by the scheduling committee shall not be eligible for a Bayside Conference Championship or play in a Bayside Conference Championship contest, or participate in any state competition in that sport.
4. Any school, after having permitted its teams to be scheduled by the Conference, finds it necessary to drop out of the sport for the season due to its inability to field a team, shall cancel the sport (Varsity or JV) for the season and forfeit all games in that sport. The school shall notify, in writing, the respective schools on the Conference schedule, the President, and the Executive Director as soon as possible. If the respective schools are notified ahead of time that the sports team has been disbanded for the season, then the school will not be liable for the game official expenses as provided in Section 8c. All other provisions of Section 8 shall continue in force.
5. Opponents of teams forfeiting before the first play date will be re-scheduled by the Bayside Conference, if possible. If this is not possible, teams will be allowed to fill their schedule on their own, according to MPSSAA rules and regulations.

6. The organization of a team in a sport that has been disbanded and its Conference games forfeited, or in some combination which is not recognized by the Conference, in order to freelance, shall be strictly forbidden and, if done, shall be a flagrant violation of conference regulations, thus subjecting the school to the penalties outlined in Article X of the Bylaws of the Bayside Athletic Conference. Furthermore, if any conference school which shall play any other conference school with a team so organized, shall also be in violation of conference regulations and be subject to the penalties set forth in Article X of the Bylaws of the Bayside Athletic Conference.

**Section 10** Contests with non-conference teams may be scheduled at the discretion of individual schools provided a full, regular schedule has been met.

NOTE: A full, regular conference schedule shall be determined by a majority vote of the scheduling committee, as provided in Section 4 above, for the particular spots.

### **ARTICLE III – PROTESTS**

**Section 1** A protest is an alleged rule violation occurring in a varsity contest. This protest must be made at the time of the alleged violation. The protest must be announced by the official in charge. In addition, a written protest must be filed by the principal/designee of the protesting school to the President within seventy-two (72) hours. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), must accompany all protests. The fee will be refunded to the school if the protest is upheld. Rulings on protests will be rendered to the President within ten (10) days after receipt of the protest.

**Section 2** The President shall appoint a Protest Committee, consisting of three (3) persons representing neutral counties, to decide all protests. The Executive Director shall attend all Protest Committee meetings and act in an advisory capacity.

### **ARTICLE IV - RESOLVING OF PROBLEMS**

**Section 1** All problems, other than protests involving schools within a county, shall be referred to that county's superintendent of schools for approval and appropriate action, insofar as it applies only to their schools and does not alter the rules and regulations of the Conference.

**Section 2** Any problem involving two or more counties shall be referred to the superintendents/designee of the counties involved for appropriate action.

**Section 3** If the problem is not settled to the satisfaction of any of the superintendents at level two, the case will be submitted to the Conference Appeals Committee for a final Bayside Conference decision. The Executive Director shall attend ex-officio with no vote. Five members will constitute a quorum.

**Section 4** Any and all further appeals shall be directed to the Maryland State Board of Education represented by the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association.

## **ARTICLE V – DUES**

Member schools shall pay annual dues at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per school year to the organization. Dues are to be paid on or before September 30th of the current school year.

Rates for each succeeding year will be established by the Board of Control at its regular spring meeting. In addition to the dues paid by member schools, each county shall contribute an amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year to the Conference budget. The rate for the succeeding year shall be changed only by the consent of the superintendents of the participating counties.

## **ARTICLE VI - CONTRACTS**

**Section 1** The approved schedules of the Conference shall serve as binding contracts among member schools.

**Section 2** The approved schedule of the Conference takes precedent over any and all other contests between member schools and non-member opponents. Once the season has begun, schools are bound to fulfill the State guidelines for completing their schedules.

## **ARTICLE VII - PENALTIES**

The Board of Control shall have the power to impose penalties for violations of the Conference rules depending upon the severity of the violation, unless such penalties are covered under the bylaws or policies of this document. These penalties may include but are not limited to:

1. Official reprimand.
2. Declaring players and coaches ineligible for Conference sports.
3. Declaring schools ineligible for Conference championships.
4. Forfeiture of game or games.
5. Suspension of school from the Conference.
6. Other penalties declared justified by the Board of Control.

## **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS**

Amendments to the bylaws may be made in the same manner as regular amendments to the Constitution as stated in Article XI of the Constitution.

# **RULES & INTERPRETATION**

## **ARTICLE I - ELIGIBILITY**

- Section 1** All members of Conference teams must meet the eligibility requirements of the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association (M.P.S.S.A.A.).
- Section 2** The Board of Control may adopt eligibility rules more stringent than those of the M.P.S.S.A.A.
- Section 3** Member counties may adopt eligibility rules more stringent than those of the Board of Control.
- Section 4** All policies regarding eligibility shall be followed by all member schools without change.
- Section 5** A student must be in school all day in order to practice or participate in an interscholastic sport. Exception to this rule may be made by the principal of a member school for extenuating circumstances.
- Section 6** No student shall be allowed to participate in more than one (1) interscholastic sport per season. Students shall not be permitted to switch sport's teams after the first official MPSSAA play date (refer to Article III – Regulations of Sports) Exception to the above mentioned rule are:
1. A student playing another sport may also participate in football as a punter or kicker only. They are not eligible to play any other position.
  2. A student playing another sport may also participate in the District and State golf tournaments provided:
    - There is no organized team already at the school, or
    - A school-sponsored team has fewer members than the allowable number of entries permitted for the district tournament. In either case, a student may not take the place of a regular team member as of October 1.
- Section 7** Each member county shall have a policy on athletic eligibility in print and enforce. Counties shall be permitted to determine their own eligibility rules and policies. In the event a county does not have an eligibility policy, the following minimum standard must be used:
1. If, upon the issuance of report cards to students, a student receives less than a 2.0 grade point average as determined by the County's grading policy, the student shall become ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests.
  2. The student may become eligible at the next official grade reporting period. This may include mid-terms or report cards as determined by county grading policy.
- Section 8** At the beginning of a school year, all students shall be eligible for competition regardless of the grades they received for the final marking period of the previous year. Counties may establish carry-over eligibility requirements for their students from the previous year and may establish their own criteria for regaining eligibility prior to the issuance of report cards to students.

**Section 9** Principals of all member schools shall prepare and send to the Executive Director a list of those students participating in the various sports who currently meet their county's eligibility policy. The deadline for eligibility lists is the first official MPSSAA play date for that sports season. A roster received after the deadline date must be accompanied by a check of \$100.00 per team, payable to the Bayside Conference, or the certification of eligibility will be invalid.

**Section 10** **Athletic Eligibility Requirements for Students Transferring to Bayside Conference Schools.**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students who participate in the Bayside Conference are bona fide residents of participating school systems. All school systems that are members of the Bayside Conference will actively discourage permitting a student to transfer to/from a Bayside Conference school when the purpose for the transfer is primarily for athletic participation. School personnel shall not participate in efforts to suggest or facilitate students' transfers for the purpose of athletic participation.

1. **Transfer Between Schools**

A student who transfers to a Bayside Conference High School is ineligible to participate in an interscholastic athletic contest and practice for forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of enrollment (i.e. July 1st to participate on August 15th) or meets at least one of the numbered criteria listed below:

- a. The student is a foreign exchange student and meets all other eligibility requirements for interscholastic athletics in the Bayside Conference.
- b. A student entering the ninth grade for the first time becomes immediately eligible upon enrollment of said high school.
- c. There has been a corresponding change in the residence of the student's parents, parent or guardian into the receiving school's attendance zone.

2. **Appeals Procedure**

Any question of student eligibility from this transfer rule shall be referred to the Transfer Appeals Committee for adjudication. This committee will be composed of the eight county supervisors of athletics or their designee. The Executive Director shall preside and vote only to resolve a tie vote.

- a. The process shall be started by a written letter from the appellant school to the Bayside Conference President within ten (10) days of the student's enrollment.
  - b. The Bayside Conference President shall schedule a meeting of the Transfer Appeals Committee at which time the appellant school must show cause as to the student's eligibility. The Transfer Appeals Committee shall meet within five (5) business days of the appeal.
  - c. The Transfer Appeals Committee will make a decision which is final and binding.
3. A transferring student who was determined to be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at a former school will have the same ineligibility imposed at the new school.
4. Each transferring student (except a foreign exchange student) must provide the new school with a signed statement from the former school's principal confirming that, at the time of the transfer, the student was eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the former school. Without this certification the student will be ineligible for 60 school days from the date of enrollment.

5. The days will carry over into the next school year if the violation occurs during the second semester
6. The transferring student must also meet all applicable provisions of the Maryland Public Secondary Athletic Association's rules and regulations.

**Section 11** Any school in violation of the Bayside Conference Athletic Association eligibility rules shall forfeit all games in which the ineligible student has been a team member. Note: Team member is defined as being included on the eligibility list.

**Section 12** Members of the Bayside Conference shall be governed by the eligibility rules and regulations as specified in Article I for all sports, even though a sport is not scheduled by the Conference.

**Section 13** All questions regarding student eligibility, not covered under these policies, shall be referred to the conference Appeals Committee for a final Bayside Conference decision.

**Section 14** Any and all further appeals shall be directed to the Maryland State Board of Education represented by the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association (M.P.S.S.A.A.).

## **ARTICLE II – JUNIOR VARSITY ELIGIBILITY**

**Section 1** Students who are seventeen (17) years old or older as of August 31 are ineligible to participate in junior varsity.

**Section 2** No senior shall be allowed to participate in junior varsity basketball.

**Section 3** Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) and twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade students may not play junior varsity football.

## **ARTICLE III – TRANSPORTATION**

**Section 1** All transportation should be by school bus or other licensed public carrier.

**Section 2** It shall be mandatory that the coach or at least one (1) bona fide faculty member, regularly employed by the Board of Education, supervise each trip by their presence on the bus for the duration of the traveling.

## **ARTICLE IV - PRACTICE SESSIONS**

**Section 1** There shall be no more than one (1) practice session per school day of no longer than two (2) hours.

**Section 2** Practice sessions of no more than two (2) hours duration maybe held twice daily when schools are not in session from the first allowable date of practice to the first allowable Play date as regulated by the MPSSAA.



## **ARTICLE V - SCRIMMAGE GAMES**

**Section 1** Member schools may schedule as many scrimmage games as they deem practical and necessary in any sport during any given season.

**Section 2** Scrimmages can only be filmed by the schools involved in the scrimmage. Filming of scrimmages by schools not involved in the scrimmage is prohibited unless prior arrangements have been made with all the schools involved in the scrimmage.

## **ARTICLE VI - TIME OF CONTESTS**

**Section 1** Any afternoon athletic contest held on a school day may start no earlier than 3:00 P.M. unless by mutual consent of the teams involved. If mutual consent cannot be achieved, then the original conference stated starting time will be used.

**Section 2** For basketball, when two games are being played, the preliminary game shall start between 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. unless notified otherwise by the home team. The home team determines the starting time.

**Section 3** Regional play-offs and championship game times will be determined by the M.P.S.S.A.A.

## **ARTICLE VII - ADMISSION PRICES**

**Section 1** The maximum charge for a Bayside Conference Championship contest will be eight dollars (\$8.00). This admission price is subject to annual revision and is set by the board of control at the spring meeting the next year.

**Section 2** Individual schools shall regulate prices on their own tickets and season passes.

**Section 3** Complimentary Administrator Pass - The Bayside Conference shall recognize the M.P.S.S.A.A. pass to all games involving member schools and/or championships. This pass entitles the coach or administrator, whose name and signature appears on the front side, admittance to the game.

## **ARTICLE VIII - CONFERENCE AWARDS**

**Section 1** All awards will conform to .08 "AWARDS AND RECOGNITION" of the Bylaws of the M.P.S.S.A.A.

**Section 2** Trophies will be awarded to Conference champions and the Conference runner-up. In case of a tie for Conference standings, the Conference's tie-breaking procedures will be used to determine the Conference standings.

**Section 3** Awards to individuals and teams can come only from the Bayside Athletic Conference.

**Section 4** All trophies shall be purchased by the Conference and the selection shall be made by the Executive Director.

**Section 5** The Executive Director or their designee shall be responsible for presenting trophies to the winning team and the runner-up.

## **ARTICLE IX - CROWD CONTROL**

**Section 1** The home team is responsible for crowd control.

**Section 2** Each home school shall provide adequate supervision.

INTERPRETATION:	Supervisory personnel can include: 1. Uniformed personnel 2. Faculty and staff members
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**Section 3** Noisemakers such as air horns, sirens, bells, and clappers will not be permitted at indoor activities or contests.

**Section 4** Bands and musical instruments shall be prohibited at indoor activities or contests with the following exception: opening and half-time activities, other time-outs and legal breaks.

## **ARTICLE X - PLAYING RULES**

**Section 1** All interscholastic sports shall be played according to the official rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, except as amended by the M.P.S.S.A.A.

**Section 2** It shall be the responsibility of the home team to provide competent and qualified officials and equipment for each game.

**Section 3** The official time clock in basketball shall be operated only by adults or qualified juniors or seniors.

## **ARTICLE XI - CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS**

**Section 1** The officials for Bayside Conference Championships shall be paid at the going rate for regional games. The Conference is responsible for the cost of the officials.

**Section 2** If a team, eligible to participate in a Bayside Conference Championship, fails to fulfill its obligations; the next team in line is invited to the championship game. Situations involving District playoffs will come under M.P.S.S.A. jurisdiction.

**Section 3** The host school will assume the cost of field markings and labor.

**Section 4** When security officers are needed at games, the Bayside Conference will assume the responsibility to pay their fees.

## **ARTICLE XII - TIE BREAKER**

### **TWO TEAM TIE-BREAKERS:**

1. Opponents season record vs. one another (Head-to-Head). If still tied, then
2. Won/Lost percentage vs. all opponents, (excluding the one additional tournament permitted by the MSPPAA). If still tied, then
3. Won/lost percentage vs Conference opponents as scheduled on the original leagueminder schedule (excluding any additional conference opponent picked up to fill open dates). (Applies only to field hockey, basketball and lacrosse), if still tied then
4. A coin flip will be used to determine the champion.

### **MULTI-TEAM TIE-BREAKER:**

1. The team with the best won/lost percentage in games played between the teams that are tied for first place is the champion. If two teams remain tied, the current two team tie-breaking procedure will be used. If more than two teams remain tied, then
2. The team with the best won/lost percentage vs. all opponents will be the champion, (excluding the one additional tournament permitted by the MPSSAA). If two teams are tied, go back to the two team tie-breaker. If teams are still tied, then
3. Won/lost percentage vs Conference opponents as scheduled on the original leagueminder schedule (excluding any additional conference opponents picked up to fill open dates), applies only to field hockey, basketball and lacrosse), if still tied then
4. A lottery procedure will be used to determine the champion. Numbers will be drawn and the team with the lowest number shall be declared the champion.

## **ARTICLE XIII – CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. If an athlete is ejected from a contest by an official, the athlete will not be allowed to play in the next scheduled contest. Coaches will be required to submit a Coaches/Officials Report form when athletes are removed from a contest. This means the next scheduled contest for that athlete, whether that is a playoff game, a game in the next sport, or a game in the next season or year. A required conference with the coach, athletic director and administrator will result.
2. If an official ejects a coach from a contest, he/she must leave the game site immediately and will be suspended for the next game played. The next game played is interpreted as the next game which the team he or she was coaching when ejected plays. The coach may not be associated in any capacity with any other team during this period.

**Ex. A JV football coach ejected from a game on Thursday may not assist on Friday with the varsity. The coach must sit out the next JV game.**

**Ex. A JV basketball coach ejected from a game must leave the game site immediately and may not assist with the varsity that day.**

A coach ejected from the last game of a sport's season will have the suspension applied to the first game he or she coaches whether that is a play-off game, a game in the next sports season, or a game in the next season or year.

**Ex. A varsity football coach ejected the last game of the season, and is also the varsity wrestling coach, would be suspended the first wrestling match.**

**Ex. A varsity baseball coach ejected the last game of the season and who does not coach another sport would be suspended the first baseball game the next season.**

Coaches suspended for a game are not allowed at the game site on the day or the night of the succeeding contest.

Coaches suspended for a game are allowed to participate in the practice sessions. The principal and athletic director will designate a coach for the next athletic contest. A required conference with the coach, athletic director, administrator, and supervisor will result.

An official's judgment is final. If an official determines an act was flagrant or unsportsmanlike, there is no appeal.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS**

Member schools must be given thirty (30) days' notice prior to any vote regarding additions or amendments to the POLICIES section of this document. The only exception to this is an emergency situation as determined by the Conference President.

## **SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

### **ARTICLE I – SPONSORSHIPS**

The Bayside Conference will accept sponsorships for both its conference championship contests and general activities from educational and non-educational organizations subject to the following guidelines:

- the minimum sponsorship for a championship contest is \$1,000.00 over budgeted expenses for the contest
- the sponsoring organization will be investigated by the Executive Director and a recommendation will be brought to the Board of Control for approval. The investigation of the sponsoring organization shall include, at a minimum, the sponsoring organizations charter, constitution, mission statement or other statement of purpose which will be compatible with the purpose s of the Bayside Conference
- the Board of Control shall approve all sponsorships by majority vote subject to final approval of the Conference’s superintendents
- all sponsorships are one year in duration, subject to renewal
- all sponsorships are a matter of public record
- the Bayside Conference reserves the right to reject and/or refund any sponsorship at any time for due cause or misrepresentation by the sponsoring organization
- The event shall be referred to as “The Bayside Conference (Sport Name) Championship sponsored by (Sponsor’s Name).”

### **ARTICLE II – SPORTSMANSHIP PLAN**

#### **The Bayside Sportsmanship Initiative**

The Bayside Sportsmanship initiative was adopted at the April 18, 2000 meeting of the Bayside Board of Control.

1. Using **Survey Monkey** the sportsmanship of each member school’s entire regular season varsity athletic program will be evaluated by each opponent.
2. Varsity head coaches will evaluate all regular season games, both home and away.
3. Evaluations are to be completed at the end of each sports season and must be completed by the MPSSAA Championship game in each sports season.
4. The evaluations will be complied and presented to the Supervisors of Athletics at their spring meeting.
5. Schools failing to complete the sportsmanship survey will not be eligible for the sportsmanship award in the just completed school year and will be fined \$100.00.
6. The winning Bayside School in the Northern Division and Southern Division will receive a banner at the Fall Board of Control meeting the following school year.
7. A sample evaluation form from **Survey Monkey** maybe found on the next page.

## Bayside Conference Sportsmanship

### Sample Evaluation Form

You will be evaluating other schools based on games played AT HOME and AWAY. This survey should be completed for ALL GAMES of the season. The evaluation questions for each school are on separate pages.

If you coach more than one sport, you will need to start a new survey for each sport.

#### 1. What is your name?

#### 2. Where do you coach?

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge          | <input type="checkbox"/> Kent Island      | <input type="checkbox"/> Queen Anne's    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colonel Richardson | <input type="checkbox"/> Mardela          | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Hill       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisfield          | <input type="checkbox"/> North Caroline   | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Michaels    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easton             | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dorchester | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Decatur |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JMB                | <input type="checkbox"/> Parkside         | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kent County        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocomoke         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wicomico        |

#### 3. Choose the sport you are evaluating. If you coach more than one sport, evaluate only one at this time. You will need to complete separate surveys for each sport.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball          | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf            | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball, Boys  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Track    | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball, Girls | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse, Boys  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse, Girls | <input type="checkbox"/> Track & Field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey      | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer, Boys    | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football          | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer, Girls   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling     |

Complete this page if you played against CAMBRIDGE, at home and/or away. If not, proceed to the next page.

**4. Rate the school you visited in the following areas:**

	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	N/A
The host school provided a welcoming atmosphere to visitors.	O	O	O	O
The host school provided a safe environment that is conducive to a positive athletic experience.	O	O	O	O
Coaches displayed good sportsmanship at athletic events.	O	O	O	O
Student athletes displayed good sportsmanship at athletic events.	O	O	O	O
Spectators displayed good sportsmanship at athletic event.	O	O	O	O

Please provide details for "Needs Improvement" responses.

**5. Rate your OVERALL experience with this school. This rating is based on sportsmanship only. Please do not consider factors such as age or condition of facilities.**

	Outstanding	Above Average	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Rating	O	O	O	O